

Appln. No. 10/529,340

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III. Remarks

Reconsideration and re-examination of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is herein respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-9, 11-14, and 17-26 remain pending. Claims 2, 10, and 15-16 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner noted that claims 8 and 26 include allowable subject matter. As such, claim 8 has been presented in independent form. In addition, the elements of claim 8 have been incorporated into independent claim 13.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1, 3-7, 9, 11-14, 17-18, and 20-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,625,288 to Snyder et al. (Synder).

Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claims 3-7, 9, 11-14, 17-18, and 20-25 depend from claims 8 or 13 and are patentable for at least the same reasons as given above in support of claims 8 and 13. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102.



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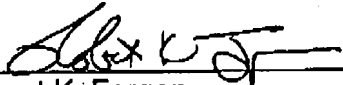
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Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present form of the claims are patentably distinguishable over the art of record and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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